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Prologue

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A big city in Japan.
I, Keika Hiko-no-Mikoto, am looking down at a large construction site from a tall mansion.
My deep blue Wafuku is fluttering from the wind, the Tachi on my waist is swaying. <TLN: Wafuku=traditional Japanese clothing, Tachi=long Japanese sword.>
The construction site is flattening everything. It seems they're readjusting the land for Olympic.
Excavators are digging out the road, bulldozers are moving the earth and sand.
And my Go-shintai (object of worship)--which has been degraded from a deity statue to a big rock is broken down while being moved away.

Haah, I sighed while looking up. My Geta make an empty sound when I lower my legs behind. <TLN: Geta=traditional Japanese sandals.>
"After 1000 years of hard works.... I failed being a god...."
I was once a respectable God counted in the first digit among the myriad of Gods.
But, I behaved arrogantly without currying favor with humans.

However, that was a mistake.
Especially when I didn't name myself in the dream of Norinaga Motoori when he was working on recreating the Kojiki during Edo era. <TLN: The Kojiki is a collection of myths concerning the origin of the four home islands of Japan, and the Kami/Gods.>
Why must I butter up with humans?
I couldn't understand at that time.
When even that Amaterasu Oomikami visited Norinaga Motoori's bedside.
I had forgotten that the original Kojiki was already lost.

In the end my name disappeared from the Kojiki and I became a vagrant god.
Nevertheless, there were still shrines that worshiped my Go-shintai.
However, during the Shimbutsubunri in Meiji period, shrines with nameless gods were crushed in the name of Kirishitan.
After that, my Go-shintai was put on a three-way intersection road and collected beliefs a little bit.

--But.
As you can see. My Go-shintai was crushed during the ground leveling of the construction work.
It's now impossible for me to contact people.

This is the fate of an arrogant god who didn't curry favor with humans.
I have nothing now.

I lightly shook my head. There's nothing I can do even if I indulge in sentiment.
I can't repair it no matter how much I regret it.
"--I'm going home."
I take the water gourd on my waist and sprinkle water around me.
And then I put my hands together and chant.
"O one who connects heavens and time, Heaven Bird Ship God. Comply to my calling and open the road to the beyond! <<Spirit World Gate>>"

Bwoosh--, a rainbow colored round space opened in front of me.

I announced that I would become a deified god worshiped by many people when I descended from Takamagahara, yet I'm going home empty-handed now, just what should I say. <TLN: Takamagahara, essentially Japan's Olympus.>
I feel melancholic just thinking about it--Hm?

"Ah, darn! I forgot to set the destination!"
It had been a really long time since I chanted the spell to move between dimensions that I completely forgot about it.
As my body being sucked in, my fingers grab the edge of the rainbow gate to desperately resist.
"W-wait a minute! Stop! Freeze!"

It won't stop with just shouting. Tremendous sucking power.
As expected of the power of God who still have believers.
A leftover can't possibly win.

My fingers got irresistibly separated from the edge of the gate.
I get sucked in vigorously, my body and view are shaking round and round.
The blue sky, white cloud and brown construction site are becoming far away as if they're mixed together.
"Uwaaaa! Stop! I want a reset, stupid!!"
I violently swing my arms around to resist, but they're powerless against a spell that has been invoked.
I got blown off to beyond the dimension, not knowing where I was going.

Chapter 1 It's Another World No Matter How You Look at It

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Among the thick bushes in the green trees.
I woke up and opened my eyes.
There were trees, flowers, bugs and animals I had never seen before.
"I've gone and done it...."
I put my hands inside my Wafuku's breast pocket while walking.
Walking on the soft humus of the forest with my Geta feels nice.

Well whatever, I can just chant the spell again and go back.

I need pure water to do that. I've used up the water in my gourd already.
"What a gloomy forest. Would be nice if there were a spring or a streamlet here--<<Senrigan>>." <TLN: literally Clairvoyance.>
My eyes are shining. Looking far ahead.

--However, the forest is too dense, I can't really see well. It's a surprisingly vast forest.

"It can't be helped. I'll look for someone I can talk to."

I look around restlessly while still using Senrigan.
And then I found one huge tree. It's twice as tall as the other trees, its trunk is so thick even ten adults joining hands won't be able to fully hug it.
It'd certainly be a Go-shintai if it were in Japan. A will has probably resided in it.
The master of this forest.
"Alright. Let's ask that guy."
I stepped firmly on the undergrowth of the forest.

I've arrived near the big tree. It's thicker than it's taller. A dignified posture.
I look at it from top to bottom, making sure if I can trust it.
I don't feel any wicked aura. Looks like it's a good guy.

"Hey, 'scuse me, is there a streamlet or a spring nearby? Some clean one that can be used for magic."
And then the branches that faces right sway. It seems to be over there.
"Thanks."
I put my hand up to show my gratitude and walk toward the direction it told me.

I walk in the forest while feeling the sunshine filtering through the foliage for a while.
It's a virgin forest that hasn't been intruded by people much, there's a lot of moss-covered trees and rocks.
Footprints from my Geta are left on the ground.

And then, I arrived at an open space inside the forest.
It's about as large as a gymnasium, there's no tree growing here.
The warm sunlight are pouring down. Looks like it's noon.
It's covered in green like a lawn. There's a small spring with clean water in one corner of the open space.

"Hm?"
I stopped walking and tilted my head in puzzlement.
There's a woman tied up on a huge rock beside the spring.
A long waist-length blond hair and blue eyes. Her big breasts are constricted. She has an adult-like charm but I can feel maiden-like youthfulness. It's a strong-willed looking woman in her late teens.
She has a nice figure but she's probably a young girl, so I thought.

However, her clothing are unusual.

A red skirt and white coat that I've only ever seen in games and manga (even Gods play around in their free time). She's wearing a silver breastplate, there's a rapier on her waist.
She looks like a female knight that appears in fantasy.

The woman who's chained to the rock with a collar is sitting exhaustedly with her head hanging down.
Her figure with blond hair hanging on her white cheeks looks fleetingly beautiful.

--Well, it has nothing to do with me.
It's an unknown world. It could be troublesome if I carelessly meddled. The problem is not with this girl, but if I offend the Gods of this world.
There should be Gods in this world too, and the woman's situation looks like some kind of ritual no matter how you look at it. Looking closer, there are some kind of liquor bottles and fruits around the girl.

I don't have any excuse to seize an offering dedicated for the Gods of this world.
I can't complain even if she's killed.

....Moreover, I'm already tired of helping people.
For now I just want to spend my days holing up in Takamagahara.

I crossed the open space while my Geta were resounding.
And then I step on the spring curb. I open my Wafuku's hem showing my calf.
And then I crouch down and hold my gourd in my hand. To draw the water.
A face with black eyes and black hair is reflected on the mirror-like water. It's relatively good looking.

And then.
The female knight suddenly raised her head. The beautiful blond hair leaped, and her beautiful face was shown.
"Y-you! Are you a traveler?! Save me! Now!"

I creased my forehead.
--Is that an attitude when you're asking a God....--Eh?

"Wait a minute! You can see me!?"
"What are you saying! Of course I can see you! --There's no more time! Save me quickly!"
The female knight wriggled and appealed desperately. The chains on her neck rang.
She seems to be quite frantic, her way of talking is mixed between polite and overbearing.

I think for a moment.
The world is probably made with Gods being able to be seen.
The Gods of this world appear to be quite fond of limelight.
If I take the offering for such Gods--.

I've decided what to do.
"No can do."
"W-why--!"
"In any world, there must a reason for someone to get chained, either they did something bad or some kind reason. I can't free you without knowing the circumstances."

"--U!"
The female knight bites her red lips in frustration. Her graceful face is warping, looking like she's about to cry before my eyes. Her delicate body begins to tremble.
I sympathize for her a bit.
Rather, I can see her white nape now she's looking down. Sexy.
I inadvertently talk with a joking tone.
"Did you steal from a farm or something? You look gluttonous after all."
"I did no such a thing! --I, I'm...."

The female knight faltered.
Judging from the way she doesn't want to say it. Looks like she doesn't want to admit it.

However, the female knight lifts her head and looks straight at me with her blue eyes.
"....I have not done anything wrong. I was only born as a『Sinner』."
"Sinner?"

"Yes, they're said to be an evil existence from the moment they're born. Most of this world has fallen to demon king's hand, and the reason why the true hero who should have saved this world is never born is because of the sinful 『Sinners』--or so it's said."
"Hmmm"
I tilted my head.
This woman seems to be strong-willed but she doesn't seem like a bad person.
Or rather, she looks like the pure righteous type.

I squint and peer carefully inside the woman.
The all-seeing eyes.
--《Truth Sight》。

The female knight's status shows up in front of me.

【Status】
Name: Celica Rem Edelstein
Gender: Female
Age: 17 years old
Race: Human
Job: Sinner (=====)
Class: Knight Lv 5=====Lv 17
Element:【Light】

【Parameters】
Strength: 10 (1) Growth Limit 25
Agility: 17 (3) Growth Limit 30
Magic: 19 (4) Growth Limit 75
Wisdom: 12 (2) Growth Limit 50
Luck: 02 (0) Growth Limit 03

Vitality: 135
Willpower: 155

Attack: 107 (37+70)
Defense: 089 (44+40+5)
Magic Attack: 165 (50+50+50+15)
Magic Defense: 158 (43+50+50+15)

【Equipment】
Weapon: Mithril Rapier Attack +70 Magic +50
Protector: Mithril Half Plate Defense +40 Magic +50
Grace Dress Defense +5 Magic +15
Accessories: Ring of Succession Pendant of Memories

I omitted her skill tree since it was not really developed.

Why do other people's abilities are shown like in a game?
Why--cause I'm a God.

They looked a bit different in the past, but after playing various games, this kind is easier to understand! After noticing that, I modified Truth Sight.

Well, anyway.
Putting aside her abilities which demand retorting at some places (For example the (1) beside the Strength parameter is its growth at level up. Hers only

increases by 1 at each level up on top of having 25 for its growth limit, she's obviously more suited to be a magician.)
For now I'm focusing on her element.
Light elemental.

I muttered with folded arms, not understanding it.
"Where's the evil you've got from being born? Don't you have the rare Light element."
I don't know how it is in this world, but in Japan it was a rare existence with only one existing among one thousand to one hundred thousands people.

Have you ever experienced something like these.
When a quarrel was about to break out during a neighborhood meeting, the moment a cheerful neighbor aunty came, the mood in the meeting room suddenly became bright and the quarrel slackened.
You were irritated because of a very unpleasant thing in school, but then you got healed just by seeing a certain cheerful clerk for some reason.
You might not have experienced it since they're very rare, but they're people who can make the surroundings cheerful just by being there. Such an existence has Light element.

And this woman also has Light element.
Even though it's not impossible, I would've never thought that she could be a sinner who brings harm to the world.

The female knight shakes her hanging head. Her blond hair feebly sways.
"No way.... For me to be Light, that's impossible.... I've always been unlucky since I was born."
"Ah, yep. You do seem unlucky."
Your luck is only 2 after all, I couldn't exactly say that.

The female knight sighed a deep sigh. It was a tired sigh like she had abandoned all hopes.

"So it was really my fault for being born a Sinner. --Traveler. Would you please hear my sole request?"
"I can listen at least."
Every God hears wish. However, whether it's fulfilled or not is up to the God's will.

However, the female knight's request was an unexpected one.
"Please--kill me."
"Eh!"
I was at a loss for words at the sudden request.

Chapter 2 I Will Grant Your Wish!

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There's an open space as large as a gymnasium inside the lush thick forest.
A female knight is chained on the rock beside a clean spring located in the corner of that space.
She asked me who is a God a request.

"Please--kill me."
"Eh!"
At the surprised me, the female knight spun her words falteringly.
"I wanted to become hero in order to defeat the demon king. I did my very best while hiding my identity. ...However, In the end, I'm still a Sinner. It was an impossible dream."

"But, aren't you being offered to the God? It'd be bad if you die on your own."
She shook her head at my question. Her rich blond hair sorrowfully swayed.
"You're mistaken. For a Sinner to be useful for people, they are to become a bait for the demon king and his subordinates at the end."
"What'd you say--!"

I look at the offerings with <<Truth Sight>>.
Mixed among the【Specialty Liquor】and【Specialty Fruits】are【Monster Food】and【Offering for Demon King】.

She's not a sacrifice for God!

Moreover--I was astounded at the flawlessness of this system.
Light elemental people who have the power to repel evil are treated as Sinners,

and become bait for monsters.
Isn't this the truth why the true hero is never born?

The female knight speaks while touching the collar with her slender fingers.
"I tried to remove these chains, but I wasn't able to. It must be impossible for you too. Therefore, please hear my last request. Before I become a plaything of the monsters--please kill me."
Female knight lowers her head after saying that. Her blond hair bathed in sunlight beautifully sways.

I gnaw my teeth and glare down below.
"Are you fine with that?"
"Eh?"
"Either by monsters, or me, dying here? Is that really what you wish?"

"My wish... is it. --Everything is already over. There's no time. Quickly kill me and run away yourself."
"That's not what I ask you. What does your heart wish. Do you want to die here?!"
"I--My wish is--"

At that time.
A huge man twice taller than me who's 175cm appeared with sounds of breaking branches. His whole body is covered by rock-like skin, his legs and arms are thicker than my body.
He's holding a hammer as big as a car in his hand.
He looks like the so-called rock giant.

The rock giant smiles vulgarly when he sees the female knight.
"Gehehe.... Ain't ya a fine woman looking good to torment with. I'll make ya full of hole in yer' nether region without yer' limbs gehehe."

The female knight shouts with a sad look on her face.
"Aaa! Please run away traveler!"
"Like I said, forget about me. Say your wish!"

However, the female knight pushed me with tears on her eyes.
"Please! You alone must live! Please live until the day hero-sama appears and defeats demon king comes, please!"
"That day ain't gonna come! Gyahaha!"
The rock giant laughed out loud to make fun of her, and then he walks step by step in the open space.

And then he arrived beside us.
He really looks a filthy rock giant up close, looking down on me.
"Nn~? The heck are ya? What are ya doing here? You a sacrifice too?"
"Sorry. I'm talking with this woman right now. ...You wait a bit."
I glanced a bit and then turned back at the female knight.

The female knight is shaking her head like child. Her tears are scattered around.
"Run away! Go while I'm being assaulted--"
"You really are...."
I felt an admiration out of surprise and astonishment.

--Even now when she's about to be killed, she thinks of other people more than herself eh....
It's not only because she's born with Light element, I understand that she's really a kind girl at heart.

And then the rock giant shouted angrily enough to shake the forest. Several surprised small birds fly away to the blue sky.
"Ya bastard! I don't know who the shit are ya, no one ignore this Greyhades-sama, one of demon king's four devaaaaas!! Die!"
The rock giant raises his giant hammer.

With just that, the hammer blocks the sunlight.

"Aaa, run--!"
The female knight pushed me away with her slender arms. She closes her eyes while desperately trying to cover me. Heartrending tears flow below her long eyelashes, streaming down on her white cheek--.

Kaboom!

A strong shock from the hammer.
The soil on the ground whirled up from the wind pressure, the offering liquor bottles fell down.

A sudden silence.

The female knight who tightly closed her eyes timidly open them--and then her blue eyes open wide in surprise.
The rock giant's whole body is shaking with the muscles on his arms swelling while his slit eyes are wide open in surprise. It's clear that he's giving it all.
"W-whaaaat!?"

I've firmly stopped his useless effort.
--With a finger.

While glaring at him from below, I speak with a low raging voice.
"....Wait a bit--Didn't I tell you that?"
Sharp glint in eyes like they're glittering. God's coercion.

"Hi....!"
The rock giant jumped back at once. He retreated to the edge of the open space, he's probably too afraid.

I turn back at the female knight and speak with a gentle voice.
"Now, say it. Your true wish. I will grant you anything now."
The female knight was surprised but her face collapsed back to a graceful one hearing me.
"Ueee....Pl...se. Sa...ve...."
"What! I can't hear you! Repeat that!"

Right at that time, the rock giant who escaped to the end of the open space began to run in anger.
"U-using some strange techniqueeee! I won't forgive ya!!"
He's coming while raising cloud of dust.

The female knight speaks again.
"Sa...v. Still, l....ve."
"Louder!"
After I yelled her, the female knight bends her body and shouts out loud with all her might while tearing up!
"Please, save me! I still want to live more! Uwaaan!"
The female knight cries with a crumpled face.
"Well said. Lemme have the offering."
Saying that, I scoop the tears collected under her eyes.
And then I relax my face and smile.

While drawing out the Tachi on my right waist, I declare loudly.

"Thy wish has been granted! My name is Keika Hiko-no-Mikoto! I will definitely grant your wish!"

I smear the collected tears on the Tachi.
The blade crest shines blue!

The coming rock giant raises his giant hammer.

"Petty trick! Yer' too late to do anything--<<Impact Death Press>>!"
The swinging hammer comes down with a swoosh.
Its swinging speed makes the handle looks like it's bent like a bow--.

I casually hold my Tachi while standing still.
"Abiding by the name Keika Hiko-no-Mikoto, o small streamlet flowing since the age of gods, gather to form a raging torrent--<<Water Demon Slashing Destroyer>>!"

--Giii, zwuaan!!

A dull and thick sound filled the open space.

I casually swung down my Tachi.
The rock giant freezes while still in a position where he's swinging his hammer downward.
Light in his dirty eyes rapidly disappears.
"W-why... how...."

Something small fell to the ground. Like gray caterpillars.
Those are the the rock giant's fingers.

Thud.
The hammer fell and made a big sound.
With the shock of the fall, the hammer's body and handle broke in two.

And then.
Fwooshhh----!
A straight line of blood was sprayed behind the rock giant.
He's split in two from his head to the nether region and falls.

Zwun....
After the heaviest thud, the rock giant fell and died.

I swing my Tachi to brush the blood away.
"Too weak to even talk about."
And then I come near the female knight who's sitting listlessly.
A flash.
With a high-pitched sound, her collar and chains are smashed. Scattering around the female knight.
I slowly put my Tachi back into its sheathe.

The female knight seems strange even though I've removed her binding. She doesn't move while looking dumbfounded with her blue eyes.
"Are you alright?"
I get closer to the female knight whose red lips cutely opening.
And then she suddenly grab my clothes.
Pulling me.

The female knight beings to weep while hugging my abdomen.
"Ro...sama....he....sama."
"W-what!?"
"Hero-sama, Hero-samaaaaaa! --I've been waiting for you, Hero-samaa!!"
She started to cry as if she had caught fire. While pushing her face on my stomach, she's crying like a child.

"O-oy--"
I tried to pull her apart and let her stand, but she refused and continued to cry while shaking her head like a child.
Crying while saying, hero-sama, hero-sama.

She keeps crying no matter how many time I try to tear her apart.
I look up at the sky and let out a sigh.
I continue to pat her fascinating blond hair while letting her weep for a while.

Chapter 3 I Will Become a God in this New World!

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Warm sunlight is hitting us from above.
At the nook of the forest's open space, the blond female knight--Celica finally calmed down.
Yet her blue eyes are still filled with tears and her slender fingers are grasping my Wafuku tightly.
Doesn't seem like she'll let go of it.

The girl cries with a spoiled voice and upturned eyes.
"Sob. ...herosamaa"
Stumped, I sighed.
I should tell her now that she's calmed down.

"Ah, sorry. I, er, I don't plan to become a hero."
"E...! But why! Even though you're so strong!"
"No, that's probably because he was just too weak.... Thus I've already granted your wish. I will be returning now."
"What are you saying! That monster was one of the demon king's four devas who ruled the area around here! Ordinary men can't even hope to touch him!"
"You kidding me. Unbelievable."

I look at the body of the fallen rock giant in the open space with <<Truth Sight>>.
His Status appears.

【Status】
Name: Greyhades
Gender: Man

Age: 283
Race: Rock Demon
Job: Supreme Commander of the Demon King's Eastern Army
Class: Great Warrior Lv 99 Commander Lv 3
Element:【Darkness】

【Parameters】
Strength: 900 Growth Limit 999
Agility: 850 Growth Limit 999
Magic: 288 Growth Limit 800
Wisdom: 014 Growth Limit 200
Luck: 040 Growth Limit 100

Vitality: 8750
Willpower: 1510

Attack: 5300
Defense: 3450
Magic Attack: 0576
Magic Defense: 0028

【Skills】
Swing Down: Simple big damage
Fissure: Simple damage + Ranged bind
Storm Down: Ranged attack
Blast Wave: Ranged fire damage
Impact Death Press: Ranged instant death attack

Mighty Guard: Null physical and magic attacks

Knock Down: Drop the opponent's weapon
Weapon Destruction: Break any weapon at a probability

His equipment are missing since he's dead.
But still, this guy is that huh, the type that specializes in attack and defense.
His magic defense is only 28, normally you'd defeat him with magic attacks.

--Weak.
Something like this could become an executive huh.
Well, he was indeed way stronger than humans though.

However, looking at the skill explanations, it seems【Mighty Guard】could defend against any physical and magical attack in exchange of not being able to attack himself, and the【Weapon Destruction】can seemingly destroy any weapon of the opponent at a probability.
It could have been a bit dangerous if he used these two. A bit.
Well, that's why you provoke your opponent to prevent them from using troublesome tactics like that.
Either way, it's my victory.

Besides, it doesn't change the fact that he's weak.

Because--I look at my own palm.
My Status appears.

【Status】
Name: Keika Hiko-no-Mikoto
Gender: Male
Age: ?
Race: All Gods
Job: God
Class: Master Swordsman God Monk
Element:【Noble Wind】【Clear Stream】【Faint Gleam】

【Parameters】
Strength: 51000(+1000)

Agility: 71700(+1700)
Magic: 91900(+1900)
Wisdom: 21200(+1200)
Believers: 1

Vitality: 613500
Willpower: 565500

Attack: 102000
Defense: 143400
Magic Attack: 183800
Magic Defense: 42400

【Equipment】
Weapon: Tachi of God's Majesty Attack x2 Magic Attack x2
Protector: Deep Blue Line Clothes of God Defense x2 Magic Defense x2
Sacred Tree Geta Agility x2 during actions, The strap can't be cut, Cannot be unequipped unwillingly
Accessories: Gourd of Water Guardian can hold a lot of water, won't rot
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The difference is literally orders of magnitudes.
That's why I could win easily.
These are the minimum standards of a God though.

As you can see Gods have no level. Only believers.
The ability values of each believer is added to the God's.

--Oh.
Looks like Celica is a virgin after all. When a chaste woman with【Light Element】becomes my believer, that woman's ability value multiplied by 100 is added to mine. A virgin woman who isn't of light elemental adds 100. Any other case adds 10.

That's why bad gods often ask for virgin women to be sacrificed.

By the way, that guy, Amaterasu's total ability values exceed 100 millions.
Jesus's and Buddha's are more than a billion.
I'm like a fly before them.

I look at Celica and say.
"He really was weak. It was not impossible for you guys to win against him. The other demon king's forces are probably like that too.... Well, good luck. I'm going home."
"B-but.... Then what do you want to be instead of hero!?"
"What huh--right.... I want to become a God."
I said that as a joke.
--I can't become one anymore after all.

Yet Celica cutely tilted her head and smiled afterward, saying "ah".
"God? You must be talking about God of Valor!"
"God of Valor?"
"Am I mistaken? People who piled up great many achievements as heroes are revered as Gods after their death aren't they."
"Eh!"

I screamed in surprise. I couldn't help to.
You can become a God if you work hard as a hero--!?

"F-for examples, what kind of guys--Gods of Valor are there?"
"Um let me see.... Hero Lazan who defeated many sea monsters led by Meteor Whale that was called demon king of the sea, and reclaimed the sea back to humans. He's revered as the protector god of the sea even now. There's also Hero Jared who used tactics to fight and overcome demon king's army many times, now he's revered as God of Battle. Others are...."
Celica said another five heroes.

My cheeks loosened every time I heard one.

I mean.
Everything they did are something I can do.
Becoming a God just by defeating such weak monsters like that one, easy peasy.
100 times easier than working hard in Japan. Difficulty easy.

Moreover, working hard as a hero shouldn't be against the rule created by the Gods of this world.
Well, I probably should visit and ask them once at least.
Just to tell them about my situation of wanting to become a hero.

I bite my teeth and decide it.
--I've gone and come to an easy mode world!
I will become a God loved by the people of this world!!

Celica's eyes are brightened by the various heroes' exploits.
Her beautiful voice is reverberating in the quiet open space.
I put my hand on her shoulder. Twitch, her tension is transmitted to my hand.

I smile like a fraud.
"Celica. That was a joke. --I will become a hero."
"Re-really! Thank you very much! As expected of Herosama desuwa."
Celica hugs me tightly. Her arms and legs are soft and delicate but her silver breastplate are quite painful.

I pat her head while smiling wryly.
"You're unexpectedly bold."
"T-that's not true.... It's because it's Herosama."
Celica separates herself, blushing while looking down.

I put a serious face.

"However I have one condition."
"W-what would that be?"
"Protect your chasteness forever for my sake."
"Eh!?"
I put my fingers on Celica's slender chin and lift it up.
"Can you do it?"
Celica's face to ears are reddened, her blue eyes are moist.
"....Yes. Herosama. I will dedicate this body to you."
"That's the spirit."
I separate my hand, Celica's muttered, "hau", with a sad voice.

I speak with folded arms.
"Still, I'd like you to stop with Herosama. Right then, Celica. Just call me Keika."
"I understand Keika-sama... wait, have I introduced myself?"
"A! ...yeah, you said your name."
"Was that the case. Then allow me to introduce myself once again. My name is Celica.... desu. Knight desu. I'm born in the west desu.... that is all desu."
She's speaking like there's something stuck between her teeth.
Some strange birds flew above the open space while making giegie sounds like they were making fun of her.

I glare at Celica whose eyes are half open.
"Ah, so that's how it is. In the end you're hiding something after all the herosama, herosama flattery."
"Uh.... I'm sorry Keika-sama. There's, um some circumstances about my family."
"Well, I vaguely understand. You're a noble right?"
"H-how did!"
"Well, I can infer that much from your equipment and such. You purposely made your strong equipment look weak."
"As expected of Keika-sama."
Celica's voice is full of respect.
However, I groan, u~n.

Actually it's just because I saw her Status directly.
Her knight level is 5, but there's an unknown Job and Class at level 17. Her age is also 17. In other words, it's a Class that automatically levels up with age.
It would be strange if that Job was not something one has since they were born, like prince and princess.

--Moreover, it's five characters. She's probably a『Princess』. <TLN: 'Princess' in Katakana, プリンセス.>

I smile at the hesitating Celica.
"Well, looks like there's a lot surrounding you, it'd be a long story. Leaving that aside, I have to become a hero."
"Yes, Keika-sama... I will definitely talk about it before long."
"I know. And, I came from afar just recently so I still don't know the system in this country, what should I do for that?"
"In order to become a hero you have to take the Hero's Exam to get authorization from King Daphnes and the Hero Medal."
"I see. There's no point in claiming yourself one huh. Well guess that makes sense. A hero can become a god after all. --Where do you take that exam?"
"You have to take it in the royal capital of Daphnes Kingdom, Chloe."
"Alright. Let's go to the royal capital first."
"Yes. Allow me to guide you."
Celica walks ahead. Her waist-long blond hair greatly sways.

However, I call toward her dignified back.
"Wait a minute. Are we going to walk in this forest?"
"Yes? That's right--ah! Should we bring the head of the four deva?"
She puts her hands on her cheeks and casually tilts her head. That kind of gesture is surprisingly cute.

Putting that aside.
I ponder for a bit.

We will be welcomed warmly if I bring the four deva's head, no mistake.
However, the kind of『Sinner』system has even been incorporated nationwide.
There's no doubt that this Demon King is cunning beyond imagination.
I would attract the demon king's attention if I carelessly stood out.
Using backhanded tactics, they would drop me out of the Hero's Exam.... I can't deny such a possibility.

Or the Demon King might even come to personally dispose of me--that's also possible.
I can probably defeat him easily if that happens.

--However.
Would the people revere me if I just defeat the demon king?
Thinking back from Celica's story earlier, the heroes had to overcame hardship after hardship, and repeatedly saved many people from troubles before ultimately gaining their trust.

Humans forget things easily.
They can forget the favor they received in three years.
In order to prevent that, you have to create obligations of gratitude many many times.

That was the biggest reason of my failure in Japan.
I didn't untiringly sell my name.
Rome was not built in a day.
I should avoid the same mistake!

I shake my head.
"Let's not bring the head. They'll just doubt us needlessly since I'm not known as a hero yet."
"I-is that right.... If that's Keika-sama's wish."
"I also have another reason to stop you."

"What would that be?"
"This forest is vast y'know. It's possible that we can't get ahold of food along the way, so let's bring the things here. He's dead anyway."
And then Celica's face brightens.
"That's true! It completely slipped my mind! I thought that food would be a matter of course.... No, please forget that. Then, let us take them."
She said it like she was a princess who never knew hardships, but I pretended to not notice it.

And so we choose food.
Expensive food and food that seem to last long. It was easy with <<Truth Sight>>.
I've also filled the gourd full of water.

I can actually just fly with magic, but I want to be seen just as a strong human right now.
And also, I want her to teach me about this world.
Talking about that while leisurely walking is just right.

We use the offering cloth as a bag to hold several days worth of food.
"Are you ready?"
"Yes, Keika-sama."
Celica answered me with a completely trusting beaming smile.
Even while drawing back by that straight honest heart, I walk in the deep forest while having a pleasant chat with Celica.

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Dusk. The western sky turns red.
After sleeping outdoors several times inside the forest, we finally came out of the vast forest.
She told me many things during the walk.
This world, the geography of each nations, history and the pantheon. And the menace of the demon king and the hero system.
Right now we're heading south where the royal capital is located.

However, I felt the extent of the demon king's influence as I listened to her story.
It seems no true hero has appeared for 100 years.
There were some strong heroes, but every one of them were killed by the demon king instead.
I can't help but think it's strange.
There might be a reason why the demon king can't be defeated.
Looks like I need to delve it in detail.

The two of us are walking on a path of a plain with swaying grass.
Celica walks by my side with a smile on her whole face without looking tired.
Her gentle white cheeks are dyed red from the light of the sunset.
"You're really lively."
"Yes. I'm happy just being able to walk with Hero-sama like this."
Celica puts her hands on her cheeks and twists her body. Emphasizing her delicate limbs.
I shake my head in astonishment.

We arrived at a small village when the day was about to fall.
It's a village with around 50 people scattered here and there.
Celica broods it over.
"Let's take a lodge in this village today."
"Yeah, let's.... However, is it safe?"
I implicitly included the fact about her Sinner status.

Celica speaks while grasping the pendant hanging on her neck.
"We should be fine, it's a small village. --Furthermore, I can't let Keika-sama camp outside anymore than this."
"I don't really mind.... And it looks like there's no inn here."
"Generally, you ask the village mayor to let us stay in his house in cases like this."
"I see."
"We might have to sleep in the shed however...."
"No problem, as long as it keep us from the weather."
"Yes, I understand."
Celica steps toward the biggest house in the center of the village tensely.
I followed after her leisurely.

The village mayor's house was an unexpectedly big two-storied building. He might be working doubly as a governmental official.
We met the village mayor in the dining room of that mansion.
He was a very kind old man with white hair and gray beard.

He warmly welcomes us with a smile on his whole face.
"Well well, welcome to our humble village, travelers. Now now, we're having a dinner now. Please have your fill to your heart's content."
"We're very sorry for the sudden visit."
Celica gracefully bowed. Her blond hair hung gently.

I also say my greeting.
"Thank you for letting us stay. Is it really alright for us to even be treated to dinner."

"No worries. Your appearances suggest that you're adventurers. We're thankful enough that you exterminate monsters."
The village mayor laughs with furrowed eyebrows.

However, he can't deceive God's eyes.
I knew that his heart wasn't laughing.
"Now now, please. They're nothing much but please eat up before they turn cold."
The village mayor encouraged us to eat.

There are some crude breads and soup with piece of cut meat inside the bowl put on the wooden table. Appetizing steam rises.
Celica squints her eyes in delight, it's been awhile since our last warm meal.

I ask about the portrait of a woman hung on the wall.
"Who is that?"
"Ah, that's the portrait of Saintess-sama who saved this village from a curse a long time ago--"

"--<<Detoxification>>."
I invoked a spell while the village mayor's eyes were diverted.
The soup shines for an instant. Mine only.

With Celica's character, she probably can't pretend like she's being deceived, so I've decided not to tell her.
Well, even without detoxification, I should be fine even if I ingest the poison since I'm a God, but I don't know the rule of this world, it's an insurance.

Then the meal began.
I eat while soaking the dried bread in the soup.
The taste was simple, but the meat's flavor and the fat weren't bad. It's similar to pot-au-feu with few ingredients.

Looking at the side, Celica is tearing the bread with her beautiful finger before putting it on the soup. Her slender throat is moving up and down.
Her behaviors are that of someone who doesn't suspect anything at all.
Noticing my sight, Celica tilts her head in puzzlement.
"Is there anything wrong?"
"No, nothing."
I resumed easting the soup and bread once again.

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Night.
We were led to a room with no window deep in the mansion. There's one bed and a sheet made from bundles of straw.
The oiled door is the only thing looking new.
"I'll be sleeping in the straw."
"But. Keika-sama, please use the bed."
"No, I shouldn't fall asleep you see. So it's just right."
"Eh?"
"And also, gather up the baggage so we can leave immediately."
"I understand."
Celica looked at me wonderingly, but she obeyed without question.

After that, I asked someone in the house for some water. Celica wiped her body in the room, but I told her that I wanted to wash my whole body.

I draw water in the courtyard, wiping my limbs.
From top to bottom. Water drip from my simple black hair. The coldness wakes my eyes.
Many stars are scattered about in the sky, beautiful.
However, I can't see the bright moon. It's disappointing, but also convenient.

However, I wasn't just bathing.
I memorized the layout of the mansion while going back to my room.

And then I slept.

Midnight.
In a pitch black room with no light.
When I felt some presences I opened my eyes while still leaning on the straw.
I can hear the deep slumber of Celica.

I concentrate my mind.
Sounds of tiptoes in the corridor and the garden. However, they can't erase the faint vibration.
It seems they're talking but I can't hear them.
"--<<Multi Attentive Ears>>"
The surrounding sounds flow into my ears.

Voices of men.
"Did they fall asleep?"
"They did."
"Is she really a Sinner?"
"The crystal ball shined red. There is no mistake."
This was a hoarse voice of an old man.

A middle aged man asks.
"Won't they get up?"
"It was a sleeping drug for monster. They'll be fast asleep until tomorrow morning."
This was the voice of an old man again, mixed with laughter.

An old man's voice.
"Alright. Someone go to the city and call the guard--"
"Now now wait. Our achievement will be robbed if we call the guard."
"However, they looked like strong adventurers."
"They're sleeping right?"
"That's right but...."

"We'll arrest them and bring them to the guard ourselves."

There's only five men in the corridor. Including the village mayor.
Around 10 men in front of the mansion. There are sounds of armor and metals from this direction. Looks like they're armed.

However, judging from their conversations, I had guessed it wrong.
I thought this was a village where the people kill vagabonds and steal their belongings, but that doesn't seem to be the case.

One of the men chuckled while I was in doubt.
"That babe is a『Sinner』. She's worth 10 big gold coins. Might even be one pure gold coin...."
"Righto."
A man who's strangely breathing roughly asks.
"He-hey.... Before we take her to the guards, er, we can...."
The village mayor scolds them in low voice.
"Fools, if even one of you have anything to do with a Sinner, your whole family will be slaughtered. The village will be cursed too. Did you forget the terror of that epidemic! You must not put your hand on her."
"Tch, I know I know."

I clicked my tongue inwardly.
--They were aiming for Celica huh.

Celica said that it was alright, but it seems the village has an item that can perceive a Sinner.
By the way, it seems judging if someone is a Sinner does not happen frequently, it's only done when a baby is born or when an outsider comes or when you're studying to be a priest.
We were found out because we were outsiders this time.

Still, they're not letting people to get their hand on one even though the Sinner will be killed.
They're probably afraid that a child might be born.
A light elemental girl has a high chance of giving birth to a child with even bigger light after all.

That means, all girls with Light element are all chaste huh.
I'll prioritize helping them once I become a hero.

--Oh.
Someone is touching the door. And then opening it without a sound.
Four young men enter first before the village mayor.
Two to the bed, two to my direction. Tiptoeing with ropes in their hands.

The moment they entered the right distance, I jumped!
Thud, thud, two dull sounds.
"U"
"A"
My right hand hit the two's abdomens. They couldn't breathe when I hit their diaphragms.
I jumped over the collapsing two.
I hit the two who were going to tie Celica, robbing them of their consciousness.

The village mayor was going to shout in surprise.
"W-wha--gwu"

My hand was faster.
I wrap the rope that was going to be used to tie Celica on the village mayor's neck.
"U, ga"
The village mayor is desperately trying to take off the whip-like coiling rope with

his fingers.

I move like a wind and strike the village mayor's abdomen.
"Gu...."
He falls down. I untie the rope on his neck immediately.
I check his clothes and snatch a key.
And then I tie their mouths and arms with the rope they brought themselves.

After that I take our baggage and lift Celica who's sleeping like a blond princess--
"It's a bit hard to move."
Her head would likely hit the wall or door if I carry her with bridal carry.
I put her on my back instead. I felt soft round sensations on my back. They really are big.

"Unya, munya.... Grandma, nandesuno...."
How much of a princess this girl is.
I left the room while feeling her cute sleep breathing.
I close the door quietly from outside.

I go to the back since there's 10 armed men in the courtyard. I've checked that there's an unused door there.
Since I've memorized the layout, I can walk without being lost even with no light.
Walking with bare feet.

I was never going to fight. I fully intend to escape.
Of course I can instantly end it, mere villagers they are, if I want to.
However, since they're armed I might make a mistake at holding back and some of them might die. They're probably going to use magic too, all the more dangerous.

--If I was still the same as the me in Japan, I probably would have flood the whole

village with mud in anger.
While saying it was a blasphemy against God.
However, that's not good. I won't be able to become a God if I repeat the same thing.

Becoming a hero is my first priority now.
If I'm burdened with the stigma of murder, I will lose the qualification to become a hero.
It will ruin this easy live toward divinity.
Do it gently. Don't get angry, me.

--Well I'll ask for the payback in full once I've become a hero though!

I walk while suppressing my footsteps and concentrating my ears.
Presences inside the house. Suppressed breathing of people.
Children and women are holding their breath in their own room.
There's no obstacle in the route.
However, it's only a matter of time before they realize.
I've to hurry.

I arrived at the back door. Dust and junks are piled up in front of the door.
I open the door with the key I snatched from the village mayor.
Putting some strength, I quietly push it--.

SCHREEECH--!

An awfully loud sound resounded in the darkness of the night.

--Darn!
It must have rusted since it was never used!

The air in the mansion completely changes. Rustling sounds are resounding.
"Did you hear a sound?"

"From the back."
"Someone go see it."
About five footsteps went toward the back.

"Eeey, damn!"
I went outside while cursing.
To the opposite of the footsteps.

I run through a narrow path.
Celica is swaying on my back. Her blond hair is tickling my neck.
I'll use God's Power to raise my speed once I arrive at a place outside the villagers' eyes.
Because they'll think I'm a monster if they see me using God power.

However, I heard shouting from behind.
"They ran away!"
"Over there!"
I saw several villagers chasing us when I looked back.

--Damn, they found us already!
With this I can't use God power until I shake off the villagers.

I had no choice but to run away while carrying Celica on my back.
I leave the village and run in a gentle plain.
To the south where the royal capital is.

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Under a night sky adorned with unfamiliar stars.
I ran in a path toward the south plain.
In order to escape the villagers' chase while aiming for the royal capital.

I might be able to escape safely at this rate.
At worst, I can just use a magic to quicken my legs.
However, I can't deny the possibility of being treated like a monster instead of a person.
I won't be able to become a hero if that happens.

I run in the plain. We're already quite far from the village.
I thought the villagers wouldn't know where I was going since there was no moon, but they're going straight to where we are.
The man in the lead is riding an animal. I thought it was a horse, but it's more like a pig with long legs, accurately speaking.
That animal is chasing while sniffing around.

They're getting closer fast.
--What a troublesome creature. It's fast too, an average person can't hope to outrun it.

Although there are two pig horses now, the villagers who were chasing us on foot fell out due to exhaustion one after another.
Ooh, this situation is convenient.

I've decided.

--Alright, I'll beat the guys riding on the pig horses.
Then we'll reach the royal capital comfortably on the pig horses and return them back to the village with magic.
I've gotten tired of running too, this is just right.

My heart became lighter when I decided that.
I run in the plain toward the south aiming for the royal capital.

The villagers who are riding on the pig horses are chasing us.
They were screaming, "Stop!", "Don't run!", sometimes, but I ignored it.

When about 30 minutes have passed.
Only pig horses are chasing us now. They're only several hundred meters behind.

--It should be alright now.

I stopped and put down the baggage.
I crouch down and lay Celica on the ground.
Then I stand up with my Geta. <TLN: A type of Japanese clogs.>

And then I walk toward the coming pig horses.
My Wafuku is fluttering, my Geta rattle. <TLN: Traditional Japanese clothing.>

I can clearly see the villagers riding on the pig horses since they've come dozens of meter away in front of me.
They only have ropes and knifes, I don't see any sword nor armor.
--Lucky.
I don't have to use my Tachi. <TLN: A type of Japanese sword.>
I clench my fists and snap my fingers.

The villagers are shouting while approaching.

"You damn Sinner, prepare yourself!"
"You can't run anymore! --Uwaa!"

One of the villagers suddenly flew in the air. He falls headlong and stops moving.
Next, the two pig horses fell on the ground successively.
The other villager got thrown out to the ground.

I reflexively shout.
"What!?"
I stare hard. Something black is moving in the dark.... An earthworm?

The villager who can't get up screams while inching back on his rear.
"I-It's a Ghoul Wooorm!"
The earthworm raised its head high. Its circumference is about as big as a tanker.
It seems to be around 30 meter long. The round mouth at the tip of its head have sharp knife-like teeth lined up.

I squint and glare. --<<Truth Sight>>.

【Status】
Name: Ghoul Worm
Element:【Earth】【Darkness】

Attack: 0300
Defense: 0400
Vitality: 3000
Self-Regeneration: 1000

【Skills】
Swallow: Swallow an enemy whole
Pulverize: Hide and pulverize rock and armor
Bend Over: Crush with body. Ranged attack.

It's not only strong, it can even recover itself on top of being sturdy.
Quite troublesome.
--Well, it's like konjac before me though.

I draw the Tachi on my waist while running.

The Ghoul Worm thrusts its head at the fallen villager.【Swallow】huh!
"Uwaaaa!"
The villager is at his wits' end, his eyes are closed.

"Deyaaa!"
I swung my Tachi diagonally.
One slash--!

Zwan!

The cut Ghoul Worm's head flies.
The Ghoul Worm's head flew to the other side from the impact, its body was blown backward.

The villager opens his eyes in surprise.
"W-what're you doing, that can't defeat it!"
"What!?"

When I turned around, the Ghoul Worm's body had just risen. Bubbling black meat cover the wound, swelling up.
Its head regenerated in a blink of an eye.

Furthermore, the cut head which flew to the other side regenerated its own body.
Tremendous regenerative power. It was not recovery huh.
Moreover, I don't feel magic power. It seems to be its normal regenerative

power as a creature. Impossible.

"This isn't at the level of regeneration anymore.... How do other people defeat it?"
"Fire, with fire! You've to burn it with fire magic!"
"I see."
I hold my Tachi at the same level of my eyes'.

The villager shout out when he sees that.
"What're you doing! You can't kill it with sword--"
"Shut up for a bit... Fleeting phosphoresce abiding my name, become the long wave which recompose everything it slips through!
--<<Photon Conversion>>."
Violet light covers the Tachi.

After showing off its sharp teeth at me, the Ghoul Worm is coming.
"KISHAAAAAAA!"
"This guy barked before going."
"SHAAAA!"
The Ghoul Worm thrust its head while exhaling greatly.

"Hmph!"
I brandished my Tachi. While leaving faint light, the Ghoul Worm was sliced in two from its head to body. Violet phosphoresce scattered in the surroundings.

The villager who was watching behind is peeved.
"Sword is useless.... You've to burn it with more heat. Look."

The said Ghoul Worm trembles right after. Its meat bubbles, closing the wound--it rises again.
The villager stares in wonder.
"W-what!?"

Its meat swells with eerie bubbling sounds. It swells to be like a mountain, and its body that was normal is turning into a lump of meat.
"kisheeee....."
The Ghoul Worm twists its body.
Its obviously huge meat head bulged, and then it stopped moving.
The mountain of lump of black meat in the plain is disappearing while letting out mist like it's evaporating.

The villager asks while trembling.
"Y-you. What did you do...?"
"What. It's tumor. Its self-regeneration power was too high, so I just chipped its gene a little."
"Tu-tumor?"
"Well, it's like an endless regeneration of flesh, turning even brain and nerves into meat, can you understand that?"
To be more exact, I just bathed it in ultraviolet light. It's not effective against normal creature, but it was the correct answer against such regenerative power.

"....I don't really understand, but yer' awesome!--a!"
The villager shifted his attention to the opposite side. The Ghoul Worm which regenerated from its head had begun to move.
Crawling on the ground.

"Guess I'd better take care of that one too."
I briskly approached it and killed it like the other one.

Then I came back to the villager who had pulled himself together. The other villager is still unconscious.
"Now then. I've saved your life. Understand?"
"Y-yea."
"Of course you also understand my strength right?"

"O-of course."
The villager is rubbing his hands while laughing flippantly.

--Uwaa. This guy definitely cannot be trusted.

He'd probably go back and chattered everything that would be disadvantageous for me.
Yet, I would have to kill him if he couldn't go back.
A murderer can't become a hero.

The night deepens, the grass in the plain are swaying.
Haa, I sighed and picked a twig on the ground.
Then I uproot a grass with sturdy looking stalk.
I quietly chant a spell on that stalk.
"Gentle breeze abiding my name seal the cutting blade here--<<Gale Wind Blade>>"
Then I tied the twig with the stalk.

I push it before the villager.
"Try taking off the grass on this twig."
"Hee.... Uwah!"
A gale was produced the moment he untied the grass, and then the twig got cut.

I pull another grass.
With a friendly grin on my face, I take the villager's arm.
The villager who was dumbfounded had a cramp on his face.
"O-oy, don't tell me!"
During the moment he was trying to run, I tied the grass's stalk on the man's wrist.

The villager's face warps like he's about to cry.
"Uwaaaaa! What have you done!"

I put my hands on the man's shoulders and persuade him.
"The moment it's cut, untied, and you say something disadvantageous for me, it will tear. That's it."
"Wha-what do you want me to dooo.....!"
"You don't need to do anything. You can just go back. But tell the village mayor this, "The Sinner and the man were swallowed by a Ghoul Worm. I escaped with my life cause the worm chased after the fleeing pig horse." me and the Sinner are dead okay."
"O-okay, but what is pig horse?"
"Ah, the animals you guys rode on."
"You mean Bu Horse."
"That's the one. I'll be borrowing one Bu Horse since you got two. They'll know you're lying if you bring it with you. I'll send it back later, you have nothing to lose."
"Okay."
The man nods docilely.
--Alright, with this we got ourselves safety and a mean of transport.

I confirm once again.
"Now then, what should you say again? Try to repeat. Otherwise your wrist--"
"I-I'm talking! The man and the Sinner were swallowed by a Ghoul Worm. We were saved cause it was going for the Bu Horse afterward. That's good enough right? ....When will you take this grass off?"

I speak while stroking my chin.
"I will take the test and become a hero. After that I'll have to give my thanks to the village. In about a month."
"Y-you're going to be a hero huh.... Well, that'll probably happen."
The villager said that after glancing at the Ghoul Worm that had disappeared into mist.

For the time being, I'll tell him a lie.

"Actually, that Sinner. Became a Sinner by mistake."
"Eh?"
"We're going to the royal capital in order to correct that too."
"Is such a thing possible."
"It's by human. Everyone makes mistakes."
"I-I see...."
The villager nodded in thought.
Looks like he's thinking how advantageous it would be if he cooperated with me.

Then he looks up at me and speaks.
"Alright. I'll cooperate with you. I'm Balley. You can believe me."
"Really. Balley. Thanks. I'll go see you once I become a hero. Don't tear off the grass until then."
"Yea, I know."

Afterward, Balley put the fainted man on one of the Bu Horses and returned.
Well, since I didn't put the spell on the one on his wrist, it'd be alright even if he untied it.
I had to make an insurance in this another world where Celica is my only ally.

"Now then."
I go back to Celica who's laying on the plain.
Even with the intense battle, she's sleeping so peacefully like it doesn't concern her at all.

Haaa, I let out a long sigh.
--I'll probably go through the same thing again if I bring her with me.
But, "Please save me. I still want to live", was Celica's wish, I vowed to grant that and I had to protect that vow as a god. This has become troublesome.
Or rather, it's strange that her Sinner status wasn't found out until she was this old.

Putting that aside, what should I do.
Should I erase the Sinner status? But y'know.
Unlike【Abnormal Status】such as Gene Remodeling,【Changing】something that has been ascribed would incur opposition from the Gods of this world.
It's fine as long it doesn't get found out, but if possible I want to avoid it.

In the first place, Celica's face and name might be already known by the state.
According to what I've heard, when one becomes a hero, they can choose what to do with a Sinner on their discretion.

Then, maybe I should disguise her until then?

I look at Celica.
Red skirt and white coat. Doll-like slender limbs. Her big breasts are moving up and down.
Long eyelashes, gentle cheeks. Wavy blond hair, and white skin that looks like it's shining in the darkness of the night.
....She's beautiful. It'll be a waste to hide her.
Besides, Celica looks the brightest to me when she's behaving naturally. I want her to be free.

--No choice but to do it huh.
Gods of this world, I bear all the sin.
That's why, please don't punish her.

I kneel on one knee besides the lying Celica in the plain. I put my hand on her outstanding forehead. I put my other hand directly on her body from the gap on her clothes.
The unbelievable softness of the big breast and warm body temperature are transmitted on my hand.

"--<<Truth Sight>>"

I call forth Celica's status.
And then I tamper it while grabbing the big breast.

【Status】
Name: Celica Elde [Rem Adelstein]
Gender: Female
Age: 17 years old
Race: Human
Job: Merchant [(====)]
Class: Knight Lv 5 [===== Lv 17]
Element:【Water】[Light]

Modification, complete.
Celica is still sleeping as peacefully as ever even though her delicate body was groped.

By the way, I've made it so that the content inside [] can only be seen by me.
It'll be bad if I make a mistake when I restore after becoming a hero.
But well, with this much alteration, I can't make any excuse to the god of this world if they find this out.
They will certainly kill me.

--Fine by me, I've already decided.

I will definitely protect Celica.
Cause everything should go well as long as I become a hero--!

I put our baggage on the Bu Horse, and sat on the saddle with Celica in my arms.
She felt soft and very light in my arms.
Right at that moment, wind blows through, fluttering her hair while swaying the plain grass.

I advance slowly towards the royal capital.